

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Administration Committee Minutes
April 4, 2002

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Administration Committee held its meeting at SCAG offices at 818 W. 7th St., 12th Floor, Los Angeles.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comment.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent items were MOVED (Roberts), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of the March 7, 2002 Meeting

3.1.2 Contracts & Purchase Orders

New Contracts

- LDA Consulting

Software License Renewal

- Thomas Brothers Maps

Contract Amendment

- DB Consulting

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001-2002 Session

3.2.2 Contracts/Purchase Orders \$5,000 & \$25,000

- Adler Public Affairs
- Caliper Corporation
- Caliper Corporation
- Dell Marketing
- Hummingbird USA

3.2.3 Conflict of Interest Listing

3.3 Information Items

3.3.1 Water Policy Priorities for the Growth Visioning Subcommittee

3.3.2 California Geographic Info Council

3.3.3 Fee Service Work for MWD

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Administration Committee Report

4.1.1 Request to co-host a conference on "Health Effects of Terrorist Uses of Weapons of Mass Destruction"

Robin Lowe of RCTC asked for a specific date for the conference and the reason for contributing \$5,000 to a group of physicians whose audience is physicians.

Supervisor Jon Mikels stated there is a special part of the program regarding transportation components which is extremely important for SCAG. The conference is to be held on Sunday, June 2, 2002, at UCLA Ackerman Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An organizational meeting will be held on May 14, which Mark Pisano will attend.

Mayor Alexander asked what the linkage is with transportation.

Mark Pisano answered that although the organizing group is the Coalition for Physicians, the audience will be the community of Southern California. The information to be disseminated will include the possible effects on the transportation community. The issue of national security and safety, topic of our General Assembly, is also a federal priority and we are being requested by our federal funding agencies to develop a better understanding in programs surrounding this issue.

Supervisor Jon Mikels stated that once Yucca Mountain opens up and nuclear waste is transported through all counties, we need to be prepared for any possible threats and/or attacks. There will be transportation specialists in the discussion as well as physicians and it is very important to get the transportation component input into the process.

Mark Pisano stated that SCAG has been asked and will provide the speakers for the transportation session of the forum.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates stated that at AMPO, there was a speaker who provided an interesting scenario on the impact of terrorism, what likely targets are, how to evaluate targets, how we should look at targets, what security we might be able to provide, all relating to transportation. It would be beneficial to have this person at the conference.

Councilmember Perry asked that the presentation given at the conference be presented to the Regional Council at the General Assembly.

The item was MOVED (Mikels), SECONDED (Bates), (1) ABSTAIN (Alexander) and APPROVED

4.1.2 The Government Business Education Technology (GBET) Expo for 2002 to be held on October 22-24, 2002

The item was MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Bates) and APPROVED

4.1.3 General Fund Budget for FY 2003

Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer presented this item.

Councilmember Perry stated that once we stop being a reimbursable only agency, then we could start to build up a reserve.

Councilmember Tyler asked if SCAG has any contingency built in to the legal fees for unknown law suits.

Bert Becker stated that the contingency is the \$1.6 million reserve. Our estimated legal fees for the year are approximately \$719,000 and we anticipate receiving \$320,000 in recovery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates asked if we were successful in getting the cities who are currently not members to participate, what would this mean in terms of dollars.

Bert Becker stated there are approximately 20 cities not participating at this time.

Councilmember Tyler asked if we currently have a written plan to eliminate the high risk designation.

Bert Becker answered that we are currently preparing a business plan and a financial plan that will cover this issue. Caltrans stated it will take 2-3 clean audits before they are willing to release us from a high-risk agency. This will take us approximately 18 months to 5 years to accomplish.

Councilmember Perry asked that the Audit Sub-Committee meet to discuss the proposed business and financial plan while it is in process to review it and provide input.

Councilmember Tyler concurred.

Mayor Pro Tem Bates stated we need a legislative action plan at the Federal level to get legislation introduced to change the reimbursement policy. Some of the categories can be changed administratively and do not require legislation and we should start work on these immediately.

The item was MOVED (Bernson), SECONDED (Bates) and APPROVED.

4.1.4 Co-sponsorship of Housing Forum with the Gas Company

The item was MOVED (Roberts), SECOND (Bates) and APPROVED.

4.1.5 Amend aviation grant request previously approved by the Regional Council

Rich Macias, Manager of Aviation and Environmental Planning presented this item.

Seda Yaghoubian, ETRPA, stated concerns with duplication of items #3, #5 and #6 duplicating SCAG's efforts that are already taking or will be taking place in the near future. It appears to be an attempt to override local authority over land use issues. Carefully study the role and purpose of the SCRAA and not include them in the application.

Peggy Duce, CEO of SCRAA stated they have been partnering with SCAG and not duplicating services. SCAG has developed the RTP and the Aviation Element that is the concept on how the region is going to approach aviation traffic within the next two decades. SCRAA is developing the blueprint to make the concept happen. They have a five-member board that is made up of four county supervisors and a representative from the City of Los Angeles and three working committees that require a local elected official from every county participate.

In response to a budget question, Peggy Duce stated that they began with a budget of \$750,000 carryover. When the work plan was approved they also approved a budget to fund the work plan for \$3.2 million. The DOT has committed to match the funds by 50%.

Councilmember Perry raised concern that there are no City Council members, except for the City of Los Angeles on the SCRAA board.

To clarify some concerns, Rich Macias stated that we are not in a position to give money to the SCRAA, this is simply a grant request and the ultimate funding decision will be with the FAA. We are only requesting that this become a line item in the current SCAG request that the FAA is currently processing. SCAG staff is comfortable with the dialogue the two agencies will have in our own planning efforts and consultation with FAA.

Councilmember Dixon raised concern that this organization should not be involved with this and he believes it is not good for the region.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia raised concern with representation and the establishment, during the planning phase, of an implementation group that we have not all agreed to.

Supervisor Mikels stated that the sole purpose of the SCRAA is to implement the plan of this organization and that it is not a role for SCAG.

Councilmember Perry stated concern with no city representation on the Joint Powers and that there needs to be a broader discussion about aviation and how it all fits together.

Councilmember Bernson MOVED a substitute motion to approve this item contingent upon approval of an agreement of composition of the board of SCRAA that meets the consensus of the Regional Council SECONDED (Alexander) and APPROVED (9-4).

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Monthly Financial Report
Not reported on.

5.2 Update on Caltrans Audit
Not reported on.

5.3 Budget Funding Strategy
Not reported on.

5.4 Presentation by Civic Resource Group Website Consultant
Not reported on.

6.0 COMMENT PERIOD

No comments presented.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
Staff to the Administration Committee

Committee Members Present:

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| Mayor William Alexander | City of Rancho Cucamonga |
| Mayor Pro Tem Ron Bates | City of Los Alamitos |
| Councilmember Hal Bernson | City of Los Angeles |
| Councilmember Art Brown | City of Buena Park |
| Councilmember Richard Dixon | City of Lake Forest |
| Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia | City of Grand Terrace |
| Mayor Dee Hardison | City of Torrance |
| Mayor Ron Loveridge | City of Riverside |
| Supervisor Jon Mikels | County of San Bernardino |
| Councilmember Bev Perry | City of Brea |
| Councilmember Bea Proo | City of Pico Rivera |
| Mayor Ron Roberts | City of Temecula |
| Councilmember Sidney Tyler | City of Pasadena |

Committee Members Absent:

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| Councilmember Lawrence Kirkley | City of Inglewood |
| Supervisor Judy Mikels | County of Ventura |
| Councilmember Toni Young | Port of Hueneme |

Staff Present:

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| Bert Becker | Chief Financial Officer |
| Helene Smookler | Legal Counsel |
| Ralph Levy | Manager, Budget & Grants |
| Rich Macias | Manager of Aviation & Environmental Plng. |

Others Present:

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| Seda Yaghoubian | ETRPA |
| Catherine McMillan | CVAG |
| Jeff Lustgarten | Cerrell Associates |
| Ty Schuiling | SANBAG |
| Alan Bowser | SCAG |
| Phyllis Winger | City of Los Angeles |
| Jeff Davis | Caltrans |
| Ed Jones | SCAG Liaison |
| Zahi Faranesh | SCAG |
| Sandra Balmir | FTA/FHWA |
| Joe Vizcarra | CHP |
| Al Perdon | APA |
| Mary Amos | Congressional 37 th District |